



Update on State Water Action Plan Implementation

Background

In January 2014, the California Natural Resources Agency, Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Food and Agriculture released the state's Water Action Plan -- a plan that guides state efforts to enhance water supply reliability, protect and restore ecosystems, and improve the resilience of California's water infrastructure over the next five years.

The state's 2014-15 budget, together with the emergency drought legislation enacted earlier this year, provide funding to implement many of the near-term actions for the plan including water efficiency projects, groundwater programs, conservation, and integrated water management.

The 10 key actions identified in the plan include:

- Making conservation a California way of life
- Increasing regional self-reliance and integrated water management across all levels of government
- Achieving the co-equal goals for the Delta
- Protecting and restoring important ecosystems
- Managing and preparing for dry periods
- Expanding water storage capacity and improving groundwater management
- Providing safe water for all communities
- Increasing flood protection
- Increasing operational and regulatory efficiency
- Identifying sustainable and integrated financing opportunities

Karla Nemeth and Kris Tjernell from the California Natural Resources Agency will update the Commission on the Water Action Plan and implementation activities.

[Link to California Water Action Plan](#)

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